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The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 30 and 31 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Statement

Orphan Charity Foundation appreciates the great efforts of your department and wish to inform the international community via the High-level Segment that the dilemma of orphans in Iraq has increased rapidly because of the escalating chaotic situation in Iraq especially the orphaned children from Shia internally displaced persons (IDPs) and the orphans of victims of terrorist operations.

At the end of 2015, Orphan Charity Foundation registered 110,110 orphans in 14 Iraqi provinces who are suffering from a bad social, educational, health and psychological situation and they need strong cooperation from the International Community to drag them from poverty, illiteracy, and loss. Aya Ghazi is one of those orphaned children who fled from Talafar after the collapse of Mosul in 2014. She is now without father or mother and she is recently an IDP in Najaf province. Her 8 year old brother Ali was in Talafar when his family ran away from Mosul. Unfortunately orphaned, Ali is now in the custody of ISIL in an orphanage which contains more than 60 Shia children.

Mr. President, can we cooperate together to return these children to their families?

Thank you so much for this opportunity to speak up loudly.